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JUMP SMARTER

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Welcome to *JUMP Smarter*, the OPI online assessment newsletter. *JUMP Smarter* is published up to and throughout the Smarter Balanced Field Test window which ends May 28, 2015. *JUMP Smarter* includes updates and links to resources related to the Smarter Balanced Assessment System.

Student Privacy and Assessment Registration Reminders

- Always use secure sites for student information including registering students for MontCAS assessments.
 - Use AIM for
 - Registering students for MontCAS assessments including the CRT-Alt and NCSC Alt
 - Students who move in or out of your system or school
 - Use Epass if student lists need to be sent to OPI.
- Violating Assessment Student Privacy is a Testing Irregularity. Examples are:
 - Administrator or Coordinator sharing username/password with another person. Each person entitled to access to data must have and use own username/password.
 - Administrator, Coordinator, or any other school personnel providing secure student information protected by FERPA (such as the student's name) by unsecure email, voicemail, postal mail, or any other medium that potentially violates student privacy.
 - FERPA link: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpc/ferpa/index.html>

Scheduling Reminder

Always plan for emergencies or unexpected delays.

Important Updates


1. Smarter 2015 Test Administration Manual (TAM) is online.


<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/SMART/15SmarterTestAdminManual.pdf>

2. ART and Secure Browser

Measured Progress and OPI are working to provide access to ART and the secure browser for Windows and Mac the week of February 23. The codes for both were delayed, and MP is conducting quality assurance checks so that both ART and the Secure Browser will work for schools. We understand that there is much work to be done and appreciate your cooperation and patience and will provide more information and updates as soon as possible.

MontCAS Website: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/>

- This new site is continuously populated with new materials and information.
- Assessment Materials from the January Assessment Conferences are on the Conference site http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm1_10 And, they have been moved to the pages for each specific assessment.
- Pictured are the options on the MontCAS site.
- **General Interest** has been added for documents that apply  to most or all MontCAS assessments.
 - Currently, five documents are available under General Interest:
 - Confidential Testing Irregularity Form
 - Memo: Spring 2015 MontCAS Participation
 - Table of MontCAS Online Reports and Links
 - Instructions: MontCAS Online Reports
 - MontCAS Test Security Guidelines
 - 2015 MontCAS Administration Training Log Template



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